

## Message Text

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SUBJ: ISRAEL MERCHANDISE TRADE-JANUARY 1978

THE CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS HAS RELEASED ITS PRE-LIMINARY COMMODITY TRADE FIGURES FOR JANUARY 1978. THE VALUE OF BOTH EXPORTS AND IMPORTS CONTINUES TO SHOW SIGNIFICANT YEAR-TO-YEAR RISES WHILE THE TRADE BALANCE IS VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED. THE VALUE OF JANUARY MERCHANDISE EXPORTS (FOB) IS UP 36.2 PERCENT OVER JANUARY LAST YEAR TO \$305.9 MILLION. THE VALUE OF JANUARY NON-DEFENSE IMPORTS (CIF) IS \$426.0 MILLION, UP 22.9 PERCENT FROM THAT OF JANUARY 1977. THE MERCHANDISE TRADE DEFICIT IS \$120.1 MILLION, SLIGHTLY BELOW THE \$123.0 MILLION DEFICIT IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR. DETAILED IMPORT STATISTICS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE; EXPORTS ARE BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS (IN MILLIONS OF \$)

	JANUARY 1977	JANUARY 1978	PERCENT CHANGE
TOTAL	224.6	305.9	36.2
AGRICULTURAL	38.7	63.8	64.9
CITRUS	24.6	42.9	74.4
OTHER AGR.	14.1	20.9	48.2
INDUSTRIAL & OTHER	185.9	241.9	30.1

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FOOD, BEVERAGE, TOBACCO	7.5	11.0	46.7
TEXTILE, CLOTHING & LEATHER	13.5	16.4	21.5
WOOD, PAPER, PRINTING			
MISCELLANEOUS	6.7	7.8	16.4
MINES, QUARRIES, NON- METALIC MINERALS	5.3	4.9	8.2

CHEMICALS, RUBBER &

PLASTICS	21.5	29.0	34.9
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METALS, MACHINERY &

ELECTRONICS	31.8	53.4	67.9
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POLISHED DIAMONDS (NET)	92.4	119.2	29.0
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OTHER EXPORTS	7.2	0.2	-97.2
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INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS

EXCLUDING DIAMONDS	93.5	122.7	31.2
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